

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12550	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	February 9, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 36-month contract through the U. S. General Services Administration Cooperative Purchasing Program with HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL, for the purchase of QlikView software licenses and maintenance for the Austin Fire Department used for reporting and analysis of data in various systems, in an amount not to exceed \$56,731.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Denise Lucas, Deputy Purchasing Officer/974-1797
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This contract Healthcare Technology Solutions International, New Braunfels, TX, is for QlikView software licenses and maintenance. QlikView is a reporting and analysis software that allows simple, intuitive analysis of data. It assists with access to and analysis of data in various systems. A very successful Proof of Concept began in 2007 and users and reports have been added to meet expanding demand for better information within the Austin Fire Department (AFD).

The first QlikView applications focused on analyzing Banner payroll data to better understand AFD overtime costs. Use of the software to analyze financial information from Advantage 3, the City's financial system, led to more accurate budget forecasts. Other QlikView applications in use include various human resources documents (diversity, seniority, leave use, residency), supply chain (supply orders, warehouse inventory, purchase orders), and, importantly, the analysis of incident data. This application also allows AFD to more effectively analyze the geographic component of our data.

AFD is continuing to add licenses because this software is extremely useful for both line employees and managers. It helps AFD personnel to improve operational performance in various areas because they have easy access to data in a timely, useful format. Use of QlikView has allowed AFD business managers to better understand their operations, resulting in more informed decisions.